

## ***In the Claims***

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1        1.    [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for  
2        generating a goods receipt for approving and paying an  
3        invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match  
4        whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
5        purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
6        in quality and quantity against said purchase order,  
7        comprising the steps of:

8                receiving a requisition from a requestor of  
9                commodities;

10               marking said commodities upon said requisition as  
11               either receivable or non-receivable commodities,  
12               receivable commodities including selected commodities  
13               that do not flow through a receiving dock where a dock  
14               worker creates a receipt transaction into an  
15               application which bridges to an accounts payable system  
16               where a three way match of goods received, purchase  
17               order, and invoice occurs;

18               receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor,  
19               said invoice referencing said purchase order;

20               responsive to receipt of said invoice, matching said  
21               invoice to said purchase order and determining if said  
22               invoice relates to an item designated on said invoice  
23               as receivable;

24 upon determining that said invoice includes an item  
25 marked on said purchase order at the time of  
26 requisition as requiring positive confirmation,  
27 blocking payment of said invoice and generating from  
28 said invoice a notification to said requestor of  
29 commodities that includes information needed to pay the  
30 invoice and a selectable button for generating a  
31 response for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable  
32 said three way match by said requestor of goods  
33 received, purchase order, and invoice;

34 for commodities marked as receivable on said purchase  
35 order at the time of requisition including those  
36 selected commodities that do not flow through said  
37 receiving dock, executing a positive confirmation  
38 process including:

39 responsive to a response entered by said requestor  
40 authorizing payment, creating an automated receipt  
41 transaction file including a goods receipt and  
42 entering said transaction file into an enterprise  
43 resource planning system for payment; and

44 responsive to a response entered by said requestor  
45 rejecting payment, creating an e-mail notification  
46 to accounts payable for returning said invoice to  
47 said vendor;

48 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a  
49 negative confirmation process.

2-9 [Canceled]

1     10. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1,  
2     said positive confirmation process further comprising the  
3     steps of recording a goods receipt indicating the acceptance  
4     or rejection of payment of an invoice by said requestor to a  
5     database at a front-end requisition and catalog server; and  
6     notifying a back-end procurement services system on a  
7     scheduled basis when payment of an invoice is accepted by  
8     said requestor, by executing a bridge for sending data from  
9     said database at said front-end requisition and catalog  
10    server to said back-end procurement services system for new  
11    invoice items for which payment has been accepted.

12    11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising  
13    the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end  
14    procurement services system said new invoice items for which  
15    payment has been accepted.

1     12. [Previously presented] The method of claim 10, further  
2     comprising the steps of:

3         directing said requestor to review a positive  
4         confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and  
5         catalog system;

6         responsive to said requestor logging in to said front-  
7         end system, displaying said notification.

1     13. [Currently amended] System for generating a receipt  
2     for approving and paying an invoice for commodities  
3     triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must  
4     match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods

5 received must match those stated in quality and quantity  
6 against said purchase order, comprising:

7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-  
8 end server for marking said commodities upon  
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable  
10 commodities, receivable commodities including selected  
11 commodities that do not flow through a receiving dock  
12 where a dock worker creates a receipt transaction into  
13 an application which bridges to an accounts payable  
14 system where a three way match of goods received,  
15 purchase order, and invoice occurs;

16 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving  
17 positive confirmation notices and providing positive  
18 confirmation responses;

19 a back-end procurement services system;

20 said front-end system responsive to receiving an  
21 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of  
22 requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was  
23 sourced from said front-end server of executing a  
24 negative confirmation process for payment  
25 authorization;

26 said front-end server being responsive to receiving an  
27 invoice, said invoice referencing said purchase order,  
28 from said back-end system marked at time of requisition  
29 as a receivable commodity for executing a positive  
30 confirmation process for payment authorization  
31 including matching said invoice to said purchase order

32 to identify an invoiced item as a receivable commodity,  
33 blocking payment of said invoice, and generating from  
34 said invoice for said receivable commodity a  
35 notification to an authorizer that includes information  
36 needed to authorize payment of said invoice and a  
37 selectable button for authorizing or rejecting payment  
38 to enable said three way match by said requestor of  
39 goods received, purchase order, and invoice; and

40 said front-end server being responsive to said  
41 authorizer authorizing payment for an invoice received  
42 for a commodity marked at requisition as a receivable  
43 commodity for creating a goods receipt in an automated  
44 receipt transaction file and entering said transaction  
45 file into said back-end system for payment.

14-16 [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for  
4 generating a goods receipt for use in approving and paying  
5 an invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match  
6 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
7 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
8 in quality and quantity against said purchase order, said  
9 method steps comprising:

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11 marking said commodities upon requisition as either  
12 receivable or non-receivable commodities, receivable  
13 commodities including selected commodities that do not  
14 flow through a receiving dock where a dock worker

15 creates a receipt transaction into an application which  
16 bridges to an accounts payable system where a three way  
17 match of goods received, purchase order, and invoice  
18 occurs;

19 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor,  
20 said invoice referencing said purchase order;

21 responsive to receipt of said invoice, determining if  
22 an item for goods on said invoice is for a commodity  
23 item marked on said purchase order at the time of  
24 requisition as receivable or non-receivable;

25 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item  
26 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,  
27 executing a negative confirmation process for payment  
28 authorization;

29 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item  
30 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity  
31 consisting of those selected commodities that do not  
32 flow through said receiving dock, executing a positive  
33 confirmation process for payment authorization,  
34 including:

35 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

36 blocking payment of said invoice and generating  
37 from said invoice a notification to an authorizer  
38 that includes information needed to pay the  
39 invoice and a selectable button for entering a  
40 response authorizing or rejecting payment;

41           creating from said response said goods receipt to  
42           enable said three way match of good receipt,  
43           purchase order, and invoice; and

44           responsive to a goods receipt created from a  
45           response input by said authorizer authorizing  
46           payment of a receivable commodity item, creating  
47           an automated receipt transaction file and entering  
48           said transaction file into a system for payment.

18. [Canceled]

1   19. [Currently amended] A computer program product for  
2   generating a goods receipt for approving an invoice for  
3   commodities for payment triggered by a three way match  
4   whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
5   purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
6   in quality and quantity against said purchase order,  
7   comprising:

8           a computer readable medium;

9           first program instructions for receiving a requisition  
10          for commodities from a requestor and marking said  
11          commodities selectively as receivable and non-  
12          receivable commodities, receivable commodities  
13          including selected commodities that do not flow through  
14          a receiving dock where a dock worker creates a receipt  
15          transaction into an application which bridges to an  
16          accounts payable system where a three way match of  
17          goods received, purchase order, and invoice occurs;

18 second program instructions for receiving said invoice  
19 for commodities from a vendor, said invoice referencing  
20 said purchase order, and determining whether said  
21 commodities have been marked at requisition as  
22 receivable or non-receivable;

23 third program instructions responsive to receiving an  
24 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a  
25 receivable commodity consisting of those selected  
26 commodities that do not flow through said receiving  
27 dock for executing a positive confirmation process  
28 including matching said invoice to said purchase order,  
29 generating from said invoice a notification to said  
30 requestor that includes information needed to pay the  
31 invoice and a selectable button for entering a response  
32 selectively authorizing or rejecting payment, from said  
33 response generating a goods receipt for enabling said  
34 three way match of goods received, purchase order, and  
35 invoice, and responsive to authorization by said  
36 requestor, creating from said goods receipt an  
37 automated receipt transaction file and entering said  
38 transaction file into a system for payment;

39 fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an  
40 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-  
41 receivable commodity for executing a negative  
42 confirmation process; and wherein

43 said first, second, third and fourth program  
44 instructions are recorded on said medium.